

CalWORKS and FOOD STAMPS DATA SYSTEMS DESIGN TASKFORCE Systems Maintenance Unit (SMU)

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TO: All Performance Measurement County and Field Operations
Bureau Staff

SUBJECT/PURPOSE: Revised Instructions for the Completion of the Federal Time Limit
Exemption Data Item.

RELATED REFERENCE: Q5i Version 2.3.2 Definitions. CFL NO. 03/04-36 dated 12/18/04

SUPERSEDES: CalWORKs Transmittal 03-02, Dated September 16, 2003 and Q5i
Version 2.3.2 Definitions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 2004 Sample Month.

BACKGROUND:

This transmittal provides revised instructions for the completion of Item T28 (Exempt from Federal Time-Limit Provisions). The revised instructions are effective with the receipt of this transmittal. The item is divided into two sections: nonexempt families (code 01) and exempt families (codes 02 through 11).

The exempt codes are further divided into two sections: families that have received 60 countable months or less of federally funded assistance (codes 03 through 05), and families that have received more than 60 countable months of Federally funded assistance (codes 06 through 11). Reporting the funding source for these families is part of the TANF data collection required in item T8, and this coding must be consistent with the codes entered in item T28. Each county maintains data sources that identify the case funding. Additionally, the CFL referenced above indicates that effective January 1, 2004 cases with aid codes 32 and 3W are federally funded.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Beginning with the receipt of this transmittal, use the interim instructions on page 2 of this transmittal for the completion of Item T28 until the release of the new Q5i Version 2.3.4. The attached T28 instructions should be photocopied and distributed to your staff.

Attachment

INQUIRIES: Warren Ghens
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T28. Exempt From Federal Time Limit Provisions

Indicate if the family is not exempt from federal time limit provisions (code 1). If the family is exempt from the time limit provisions, indicate the reason (codes 2 through 11).

All County Letter 99-90, dated October 21, 1999, is incorporated in these definitions by reference. The ACL provides background and easy to use charts in determining when the Federal time clock is ticking.

The codes entered in this item must be consistent with the funding stream coded in item T8.

NONEXEMPT:

Code 01 = The family receives federally funded TANF assistance and is not exempt from the federal time limit provisions.

EXEMPT: NO ADULT IN HOME WITH 60 COUNTABLE MONTHS.

Code 02 = The family receives federal TANF funding, but is exempt from the accrual of countable TANF months because all adults are excluded from the AU because they are a non-needy relative, receiving SSI, an undocumented alien, or for the following sanctions: fleeing felon sanction, WTW sanction, drug sanction, and failure to assign child support rights sanction.

Note: This sanction must be other than a time limit sanction.

EXEMPT: ADULT RECEIVES AID, 60 COUNTABLE MONTHS OR LESS.

Code 03 = The family receives state only funded CalWORKs cash aid and is, therefore exempt from the accrual of countable TANF months.

Code 04 = The family is living in Indian country or an Alaskan Native village where at least 50 percent of the adults living in the Indian country or Alaskan Native village are not employed and is, therefore, exempt from the accrual of countable TANF months.

Code 05 = This does not apply in California.

(The family is exempt from accrual of months under the federal five-year time limit for the reporting month based on an approved welfare reform waiver policy)

EXEMPT: ADULT RECEIVES AID FOR 61 COUNTABLE MONTHS OR MORE.

Code 06 = The family receives state only funded CalWORKs cash aid.

Use this code for state funded child-only safety net families.

Code 07 = The family has a hardship, battery, or extreme cruelty exemption.

Code 08 = The family has a federally recognized good cause domestic violence waiver of time limits.

Code 09 = The family lives in Indian country or an Alaskan native village where at least 50% of the adults are unemployed.

Code 10 = This does not apply in California.

(The family falls under Federal five-year extension policy prescribed in approved

EXEMPT: ADULT HAS 60 COUNTABLE MONTHS, CHILD ONLY CASE.

Code 11 = This does not apply in California.

(The children in the family continue to receive federally funded TANF after the adults are timed out under an adult-only time limit provision in accordance with federal extension policies expressed in approved welfare reform waivers.)